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'We got soul'

James Brown performs at Lantz Arena

BY NICOLE MILSTEAD
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

James Brown, "the Godfather of Soul," and his entourage provided an energy-packed hour and 55 minute show for more than 2,500 people Saturday evening in Lantz Arena to entertain this year's Family Weekend crowd.

"It was awesome; the longest concert we have ever had," said Kijuana Collins, a senior family and consumer sciences major.

The show, which was put on by the University Board, ended with more than 20 performers on stage. Brown brought with him an 11-person band, four back-up singers, two dancers, a male singer, a tribute singer and a hype man.

The group performed 15 songs from Brown's nearly 40-year career, including "Papa's Got A Brand New Bag," "It's a Man's Man's Man's World" and "Get Up Offa That Thing."

"The show was phenomenal, worth every penny," said Darrius Frazier, a post-bachelor secondary history with teacher certification major.

The "Soul Jammers" were two drummers on full sets and an additional percussionist. The percussionist, Spike Nealy, has traveled with Brown for more than 14 years.

"He is awesome, the baddest percussionist alive," said Jay Lane, who was VIP to James Brown for the concert.

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Singer James Brown performs before students and parents during the Family Weekend concert Saturday in Lantz Arena.

Interaction numbers

Year	Student to faculty ratio	Average number of students per class
2004	16:1	22
2003	17:1	22
2002	17:1	23
2001	16:1	21
2000	16:1	21

Class sizes not affected by increased enrollment

BY SARAH WHITNEY
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Eastern's average class size remained constant this year, despite record-breaking enrollment.

Eastern's 2005 average class size is 22, the same average as last year.

Eastern's 2005 enrollment is 12,129 students, and 2004 enrollment was 11,651 students. The enrollment totals include students attending on- and off-campus classes.

To understand why the average class size didn't increase along with enrollment, people should look at how the average class size is calculated, administrators say.

"We take all the courses and sections and look at how many students are enrolled in each course section and average them," said Amy Edwards, assistant director of planning and institutional studies.

The important thing to note with class size is that the department of planning and institutional studies counts each section as one class, she said.

For example, there is only one English 1001 course, but there could be 10 sections of it. So, the department adds up the enrollment in each section and divides by 10.

"In the average class size is an average of the big classes, the medium-sized classes and the smallest classes," said Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "What it means is that things are balancing each other out."

"There are some larger classes here, there are a lot in the middle and there are some smaller classes. The proportions of big, medium and small remained approximately constant. Therefore, the average class size remained constant."

"It doesn't have anything to do with how many courses students are taking or how many are in each course. It's just a headcount."

- AMY EDWARDS,
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF
PLANNING AND
INSTITUTIONAL STUDIES

Students, parents gamble in Grand Ballroom

BY SARAH HENDERSON
STAFF REPORTER

Families flocked into the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Friday night to take part in a little Las Vegas-style fun.

The University Board and the Eastern Parents Club sponsored this event known as "Viva Las Vegas" as part of this year's Family Weekend activities.

"I wanted to come to this event in particular this weekend," said Diana Watts, mother of Selena Watts, a freshman biology major.

The ballroom, which had a red, glowing tint to it, was transformed into casino night from 7 to 11 p.m.

Each person was given \$300 worth of fake chips when walking through the door and then directed to go to the different gambling tables to try his or her luck and outsmart the dealer.

The different tables included blackjack, roulette, craps and Texas hold'em.

After playing the games, people were directed to take their chips and cash them in for raffle tickets, which were then used in drawings for prizes.

Prizes included televisions, stereos, a grill, DVD players, sports equipment and Eastern apparel and accessories.

A room dedicated to bingo was also offered and was a "huge hit," said Jonathan Braden, University Board's special events coordinator.

Casino night also offered a "mocktail bar," which included chips, trail mix and punch.

Staying true to the Las Vegas tradition, Elvis impersonator Scott Wattles entertained the audience from 8 to 10 p.m. Sounds of his performance could be heard throughout the Union. Wattles, dressed in a satin red shirt and black pants with slicked back hair, danced on stage as the audience clapped and danced to the beats of the songs.

"My grandma is really impressed with Elvis," said Andy Bandos, a sophomore biology major. "I think University Board did a really good job with this event."

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♦ Check out our photo page to see what other families did during Family Weekend.

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Natalie Owen and her son play craps at Casino Night Friday in the Grand Ballroom at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
74 52 Mostly cloudy	75 52 Sunny	76 45 Isolated T-storms	60 38 Partly cloudy	65 43 Mostly sunny

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European historian comes to Eastern

BY KYLE MAYHUGH
NEWS EDITOR

When historian Christopher Harvie saw the German election results, the 22-year member of the German Social Democrats' first reaction was to write a newspaper column that he titled "Why We Won."

Even though his party did not actually win a plurality of seats in Germany's legislature, the surprising turnaround from polls that predicted they would lose by a wide margin led Harvie to declare victory.

"Explaining why (the party won) involves re-educating some British journalists...whose pictures of a dysfunctional nation bears little relationship to the place I've lived in with increasing content for 22 years," Schroeder wrote.

Harvie, who teaches at Germany's Tubingen University as a professor of British and Irish studies, will give a lecture at Eastern's Table Arts Center titled "Whatever Happened to Regional Europe?" at 4:30 p.m. today.

Harvie is the author of 10 books on the subjects of Europe and history.

"Since he's kind of interested in the minor players, sometimes they are not the blockbusters, but they are important," said Newton Key, professor of history.

Key says Harvie's views on regional Europe are especially timely with the recent rejection of a European Union constitution by French and Dutch voters.

"Are we seeing a revival of national questions for little countries?" Key said.

Harvie's books have also touched on the question of nationalism in his own country, writing several books on what may happen in Britain, where nationalities that have been combined into the United Kingdom are seeing increasing self-government, Key said.

Harvie's appearance is being sponsored by Eastern's departments of history, geology/geography, political science and English.



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Members of the concert choir sing "The Battle of Jericho" in McAfee Gymnasium Sunday afternoon.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Campus resident activities begin today

"Residents on Campus Fest" will begin at 7 p.m. today with The Olympics in the South Quad. The RHA-sponsored event is a weeklong event consisting of events every night with members of residence halls competing for points. At the end of the week, points will be tallied with the top three scoring halls receiving monetary awards to go toward hall improvement funds. Events will consist of The Olympics, Hall Feuds on Tuesday, a volleyball tournament on Wednesday, Karaoke Night on Thursday, a

semi-formal in Pemberton Hall on Friday night and a cardboard boat race at 3p.m. Saturday at the campus pond.

All events are free.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

Eastern will be holding a President's Reception and dinner today for faculty and staff.

The reception is a part of the Community College Articulation Conference this week.

The event will be from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

WTF?

Puppy eats knife

PLANTATION, Fla. - The veterinarian thought the X-ray was a joke.

Jon-Paul Carew has seen strange items get into the stomachs of dogs before, things like kebab skewers and small utensils. But a 13-inch serrated knife in a 6-month-old puppy?

That was a new one.

"I was just flabbergasted," said Carew, of Imperial Point Animal Hospital in Fort Lauderdale.

The knife was removed this week from Elsie, a Saint Bernard puppy. The dog's owner, Jane Scarola, wrapped it in a towel and put it in a cabinet atop the refrigerator.

"I'm going to frame it and give it to Dr. Carew," Scarola said. "He should hang it. Everybody should know what puppies are capable of putting down their throats."

TODAY'S EVENTS

Presentations

4 p.m. | Students share their research and writing on Latin America.
Arcola/Tuscola Room, MLK Union

Community College

Student Meeting

4 p.m. | Transfer students interact.
Grand Ballroom MLK Union

President's Reception

5 p.m. | Part of the Community College Articulation Conference, Eastern hosts a President's reception and dinner.
Grand Ballroom MLK Union

Artist in resident speaks

7 p.m. | Eastern presents "Pat Oleszko: Performance Artist in Residence (Artist's Talk/Participants' Orientation)."
Table Arts Center Atrium

ONLINE POLL

This week we ask our readers how do you feel about James Brown's performance last weekend.

- A) "Superbad"
- B) "I feel good"
- C) I want a "payback."
- D) I didn't go see the show.

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CORRECTIONS

In Friday's edition of The Daily Eastern News, a fact box incorrectly identified the percentage of budget devoted to developing technology for Central American countries. El Salvador devotes .08 percent, Nicaragua .27 percent and Panama .35 percent. In the story accompanying the fact box, the name of professor Rigoberto Chinchilla was also misspelled.
The News regrets the errors.

Classes offered for all sleeping preferences

BY SARA RANNELLS
STAFF REPORTER

Eastern is offering an increase of evening classes to accommodate students and staff.

While most students choose to take their classes during the day, a wide variety of courses, consisting of mostly general education courses, are being offered at night.

Night classes, which take place between 6 and 9:30 p.m., consist of mainly upperclassmen and graduate students. However, some underclass students are finding it difficult to get into their general education classes that are offered during the day.

Vince Shamhart, a sophomore math secondary education major, needed to take a weather and environment class as a general education requirement.

He said he would have preferred to take it during the day with the rest of his classes, but the day-time sections were all closed.

"I had no choice," he said, "It wasn't offered at any other time."

He said he doesn't enjoy having to take a night class because he gets too tired after having been in class all day.

Robin Murray, a faculty member for the English department, thinks some students enjoy taking night classes.

"I find that students tend to be more awake, alert and enthusiastic during night classes," she said.

Murray says she prefers to teach at night because "having a larger packet of time with which to work is helpful."

Preferences of students between night and day classes vary, but according to William Hine, dean of the school of continuing education, "a study done a couple of years ago showed that almost 40 percent of Eastern students were taking class after 4 p.m."

For some students it's not a matter of preference; night classes are a necessity.

Brandon Amos, a sophomore marketing major, said he took a night class because it was the only way he could fit it into his schedule.

Evening classes are also offered for students who work during the day.

For these students, classes in the evening are more attractive, Hine said.

There are eight degrees offered at Eastern with most or all of the classes meeting after 4 p.m.

Less classroom space is available during the day because of increased enrollment causing the creation of more evening classes on campus, according to Hine.

The burning of Blair Hall has also caused less classroom space, but Hine said it hasn't had much affect on the increase of night classes offered at Eastern.



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Blake Boldt, senior communication studies major, and Kael Rewers, junior with a double major in accounting and economics, stand before a truck loaded with the cans and bottles that they collected for NRHH Thursday.

LEADING LEADERS

*Top 1 percent of student leaders invited to join
National Residence Hall Honorary*

BY DAVID THILL
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

An organization comprised entirely of "student leaders" could easily result in a lot of head-butting.

But as far as Whitney Sturm, president of the Eastern chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary, is concerned, it makes for nothing but opportunities.

The organization, Sturm said, is made up of the top 1 percent of student leaders on campus.

"Our three pillars are leadership, recognition and service," Sturm said.

The percentage, though, has nothing to do with academic standing, she said. While the organization does have a minimum requirement of a 2.5 grade-point average, residence halls' pro staff, which is made up of assistant resident directors and resident directors, decides the top 1 percentile, Sturm said.

"They (pro staff members) look for people who go above and beyond that of

regular students," she said. "Potential members have to write two essays, then they have to interview with members of the selection committee, then are inducted."

Last year, there were 4,400 people on campus, so the NRHH was allowed to have 44 members. So far this year, the group has 24 active members, Sturm said.

The NRHH is responsible for the recycling in the residence halls, she said. The organization signed a contract with the Residence Hall Association last year and, as part of that contract, is responsible for collecting the bags of recyclables from designated areas around campus, Sturm said.

Erin Keefe, NRHH/RHA liaison and member of both groups, said the organization also works with RHA on recognition awards known as "Of The Months."

"Of The Months" are awards handed out by RHA and NRHH to residents on campus who "go above and beyond the call of duty," Keefe said.

"Since we're the top 1 percent of leaders, we want to pass on the leadership," Keefe said. "People who do a great job, we want to encourage them to keep doing a great job."

Keefe gave the example of a resident on her floor that helped organize an event she has coming up.

"It's not something she has to do, but something she chooses to," she said. "We are just trying to continue to improve the program we already have now."

Sturm said there are many qualities she looks for in potential members.

"Of course, you need to have leadership qualities," she said. "Dependability, reliability and must be a go-getter. I think we step up to the plate."

"You've got a group of 24 leaders in an organization, there's a lot you can accomplish. We are looking to do a lot this year."

Keefe said she thought the organization tries to provide an example for leadership on Eastern's campus.

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COMMENTARY



AARON SEIDLITZ
OPINION PAGE EDITOR

FAMILY WEEKEND'S CONCERT CROSSES GENERATIONS

The different generations were apparent as soon as I walked into Lantz Arena Saturday night.

The adults on campus for Family Weekend and students who were entertaining their folks for the weekend seemed to be expecting different things as they began anticipating exactly what they were about to see out of an American legend in music who was going up in years.

Partly, the concert was bridging a gap between two generations. One was a generation that had grown up with the artist who has too many nicknames to start listing now. The other generation had known James Brown best from either Rocky IV or VH1. But, for that night, there seemed to be a general feeling of excitement simply to see a man who has become more than an artist and has jumped into legendary status.

For myself, it wasn't so much the songs that I was looking forward to hearing, but more so it was the overall performance. How could a man as old as James Brown still put on a show worthy of his name? Was he going to be entertaining or a little boring? Did I drink a little too much beforehand, when all my friends and their parents were playing bags along with me and my parents, to stay awake?

All of these questions were answered fairly early in Brown's performance.

Yes, he was obviously older, but his age did not effect how much fun he was having on stage, and it did not effect how good he could move. It seemed funny to watch a 72-year-old man who could still move better than the primarily white crowd he was playing in front of.

Yes, he was entertaining. Between the songs I recognized, the highlight being a cover of Ray Charles' "Night time is the right time," and Brown's band that was given plenty of time to do their thing through solos, this was still a very entertaining show.

And for the last question, the answer is yes and no. I did not have one too many before the concert to stay awake, but my father did have his eyelids shut for a brief moment before an elbow to his stomach woke him back up.

But, proving that Brown was indeed a good fit for Family Weekend was the prevailing sense that the young audience and the adults both were feeling what he and his band were playing. Besides a tired father or two, most of the crowd seemed receptive to what was being played.

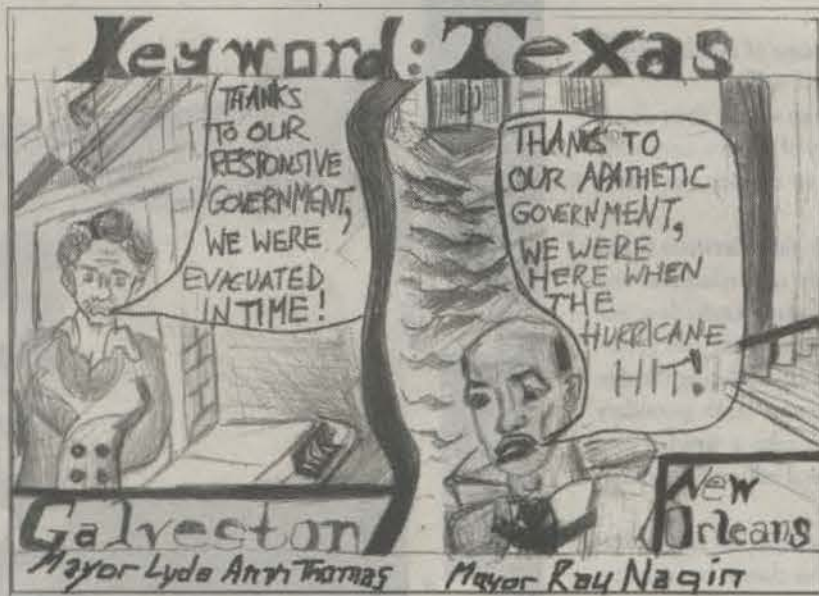
Brown shouted and strutted his way through two hours of music and gave up much of that time to his band that included three drum sets, a horns section, a couple guitarists, a group of back up vocalists, the bassist, two lady dancers and another singer who was brought out for most of the second half. These musicians and entertainers boosted what Brown was leading along with keeping up the pace and mood of the show.

While everything was happening, a glance across Lantz Arena could put into view bobbing heads from mothers and fathers along with their sons or daughters.

It isn't all that often that music can cross generations like that. Whether it is parents thinking their children listen to too much rap or the parents who had parents that never could understand rock and roll, music has always had a generational aspect to it of rebellion.

But, those who saw James Brown witnessed something different. It was a little more like unity than rebellion, and, overall, it was a pretty good show.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY RICH LAKEBERG



EDITORIAL

Safety - a student responsibility

A recent assault on campus has had many people worried about what Eastern can do for them in order to ensure safety.

The assault took place two weeks ago when a man allegedly broke into a Brittany Ridge apartment.

But, maybe it isn't what the school can do for the students, but what students can do for themselves to keep a high level of safety.

Although assault or even the threat of physical violence is apparent on all college campuses, it isn't the responsibility of only the school to make the campus safe. It is also the responsibility of the individual to make sure they know how to handle these types of bad situations if, or when, they do occur.

The best way for students to prepare themselves is through self-defense classes, and at Eastern, those are readily available. The class even earns students one credit hour, so it would seem that it is a win-win situation.

This is something women especially should be taking seriously. The assault two weeks ago was one that grabbed headlines in Charleston, but there are many other instances that not talked about.

Many women do not come forward during sexually-related assaults out of fear from the situation. Because people do not hear

At issue

Safety on campus and the students' role in learning about and protecting themselves from dangerous situations.

Our stance

It is not just up to the university to protect students because the student body needs to be knowledgeable and prepared to handle difficult situations if they were to arise. Students can best prepare themselves through self-defense classes, which are offered at the school.

about these cases when they happen, it could be assumed that any campus is safer than it may actually be.

The responsibility then falls on the individual, especially considering what Eastern physical education professor Julia Gladu told the Verge for Friday's edition.

"Most assailants go through a selection process of victims and they select someone they view as an easy target," Gladu said.

That fact should be scary enough for anyone to go and do something about their personal safety, but many people still put most of the onus on the school and not themselves regarding their own personal safety.

That is irresponsible and ultimately could be self-damaging, not to mention it isn't hard for someone to improve their own self-knowledge.

Simple changes in one's habits at home and around campus can solve many of the problems. Something simple like making sure doors are locked at night, or not walking alone at night are things that may sound obvious, but are neglected enough to cause problems.

*The editorial is the majority opinion of
The Daily Eastern News editorial board.*

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE WAY DOGS REALLY SHOULD LIVE

Laura Griffith, in her column on Friday said she, "can't imagine sharing a living space with a dog," justifies tying her dog outside for 10 years with only a "10-foot roaming radius" by reporting that her father spends one hour with the dog each day, and this, she believes, means her pet doesn't lack "love or affection."

What? Dogs are social pack animals, Ms. Griffith. If you let them, they will follow at your heels from room to room, sleep right next to you and sit at your feet while you type an angry letter to the editor. Dogs crave and need far more

daily social contact than one hour can possibly provide.

I'm quite aware that before humans domesticated them, doggie families weren't hiring doggie construction companies to build them spacious two-story homes. But, dogs were outside-only creatures before domestication, and the too-typical argument that it's OK to tie dogs up outside because it's their natural environment ignores one vital point: a dog alone and tied up is not natural. A dog in its natural state would not be limited to a "10-foot roaming radius" and would be the member of a family structure, a pack.

Dogs do deserve better than shelter life, but they also deserve better than a

lonely existence tied to a tree when humans have no desire to provide the kind of love and care - and yes, work - deserved by the dogs they adopt.

Most reputable shelters won't even allow adoptions by people who plan to tie the dog outside. Dogs deserve better than only a 10-foot radius in which to seek out interaction with other animals, human or nonhuman, and to eat, sleep, play and eliminate. They deserve better than one measly hour of attention or interaction each day. And people who don't realize that don't deserve dogs.

STEPHANIE ERNST
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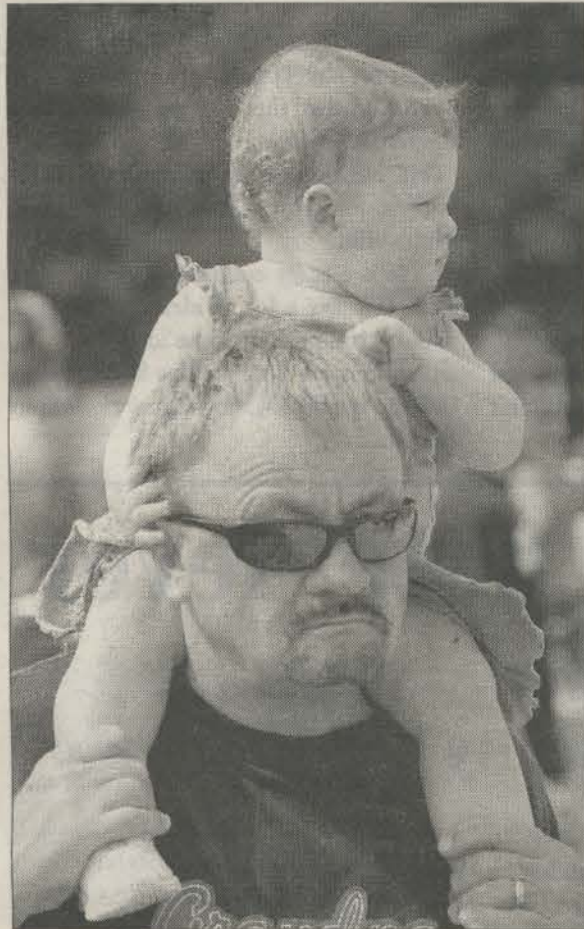
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Doug Opperman, senior sports management major, listens to the Illini game on a portable radio while tailgating behind O'Brien Stadium Saturday.



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Tom Finley, Eastern alumnus, carries his granddaughter Kaylan Finley on his shoulders before the football game Saturday.

F Celebrating FAMILY



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Greg Romang, junior elementary education major, paints 5-year-old Griffin Green's face in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Saturday.

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Jim Huetsen, freshman undeclared major, marches with his tuba through the quad before the football game Saturday.



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Jeff Giesel, sophomore physical education major, flips his cup while teammates cheer him on during a round of flippy cup at the Sigma Chi Family Weekend Barbecue.



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

"I am not afraid," says the tenacious 27-year-old Democrat Keith Taylor who is running for office of Coles County Clerk.

'I AM NOT AFRAID'

Former Eastern student runs for Coles County Clerk

By ERIN MILLER
CITY EDITOR

Former Eastern student Keith Taylor is running for Coles County Clerk with hopes to make community members more active in local politics.

Taylor said he graduated in 2004 with a degree in political science.

He knew from an early age that he wanted to be involved in the community in some form, and political science proved to be a good starting point.

"Growing up I knew I wanted to be involved in the community," Taylor said. "I want to draw the community together

to be more tight knit."

Taylor is attending graduate school at University of Illinois-Springfield to obtain his master's in public administration.

While in Springfield, he works at Illinois Issues Magazine as a research assistant.

Taylor was born and raised in Mattoon; he was one of the first births at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in 1977.

He graduated from Mattoon High School in 1996 and received his associate's degree from Lake Land College.

Taylor said if he is elected as Coles County Clerk, he is interested in bringing more technology upgrades to the office.

He has an extensive computer background, which he said will help accomplish his goals as clerk.

Taylor is active in the Mattoon Chamber of Commerce, the Buy Local Campaign and the Mid Eastern Illinois Labor Council.

"Growing up I knew I wanted to be involved in the community."

KEITH TAYLOR,
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Bob Webb, of Mattoon, has known Taylor for almost a decade.

During that time, Webb has seen Taylor's interest for politics.

He has worked in Washington D.C. with a former congressman of Illinois, Webb said.

"He is a really enthusiastic person," he said. "He has a lot of ideas and is good about accomplishing those ideas."

Petitions for clerk are due by Dec. 6 in order to qualify for the primary election in March.

Health Services suffers 'sick note' fever

By ASHLEY RUEFF
STAFF REPORTER

Students who are not ill but try to get walkout statements are frustrating faculty

There's an epidemic circling Health Services, but it has nothing to do with any threatening illness.

Instead, the problem is sourcing from students who are requesting statements, or sick notes, from Health Services to excuse themselves from class when they're not really sick.

The walkout statements verify that a student is ill, and give the time a student visited Health Services.

They're distributed to inform instructors that a student had a legitimate reason to miss class, but some students are trying to take advantage of the system.

"The students are using it as a crutch to get out of class," said Nita Shrader, administrative nurse at Health Services.

The facility is seeing students with fake ailments on a daily basis who are hoping to get an excuse for missing class.

"Some students are very honest and say 'I was out late last night and I need

a note for class," Shrader said.

Other students might say they're sick but "there's nothing we can put our finger on," she said.

If Health Services can determine that there's nothing wrong with a student, they still make a note of the patient's complaint in their medical record, Shrader said, which could cause problems for students in the future when they apply for insurance coverage.

"It's frustrating. If we know they're not sick we confront them," Shrader said.

Last year, Health Services received an estimated 10 students a day requesting walkout statements when they weren't really ill, Shrader said, but numbers have been lower so far this year.

With Health Services seeing about 200 students a day, the faculty gets

aggravated when they have to spend time with patients who aren't really sick.

Shrader finds that students are seeking the excuses for class because their professors expect them to use the walkout statements when they're absent from class.

"We don't really feel it's our responsibility to give an excuse for a student," Shrader said. "There's a difference of opinion as to what we think Health Services is there for, and what faculty thinks Health Services is there for."

John Best, a psychology professor, said he doesn't have a strict attendance policy and has never experienced problems with students citing fake illnesses to get out of class.

"The students are adults, they pay for these services to be rendered and they are the beneficiaries," Best said.

"I really think the student needs to look in the mirror and see why they're doing this."

"I wouldn't blame Health Services if they said they feel like they're being taken advantage of."

Paul Johnston, music professor, said he sees a lot of the walkout statements in his larger classes, but not as often in the smaller ones.

He does have an attendance policy that affects the students' grades after they have two unexcused absences.

"If they don't come, it counts against them," Johnston said.

Jennifer Thomas, a junior elementary education major, thinks students requesting walkout statements when they're not really sick is also causing problems for students who are sick because it has made Health Services more strict about who they distribute the notes to.

Sick Note Fever

- ◆ An average of 10 healthy students a day request walkout statement
- ◆ Walkout statements are recorded in a patient's record
- ◆ Faculty members are becoming frustrated because of time wasted examining 'sick' patients

"It's like the bad seed that ruins everything for everyone else," Thomas said.

Sarina Palmer, a sophomore nursing major, said she knows a few people who have gone to get the walkout statements from Health Services when they weren't sick and doesn't think it is such a bad idea.

"If Health Services wasn't so far from my house I'd do it," Palmer said.

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Ian Fuller Moore and Aleta Smith stand next to their drink stand Thursday. The two plan to take children shopping when they reach their goal of \$4,000.

A drink of RELIEF

Local children organize stand to benefit victims

By JESSICA PERILLO
STAFF REPORTER

Many neighborhood friends on Sixth Street are selling lemonade to raise money for children who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

Aleta Smith, a student at Charleston Middle School, and Ian Fuller Moore, a student at Jefferson Elementary, have organized a drink stand with the help of their friends and family.

"It was actually Ian's mom's idea, but we do everything together because we're neighbors," Smith said.

Fuller Moore's mother, Samantha Fuller, explained they came up with the idea when Aleta started asking what they could do to help the victims of the hurricane. They considered hosting a family in their home, but the children wanted to know what they could do to help right now.

They decided instead of monetary and clothing donations, they would raise enough money to take the displaced children shopping, Fuller said.

"If we were placed in a new school, we would want something we could pick out ourselves, something that's comforting to have for our very own," Smith said.

Fuller explained their goal is to raise

\$4,000 for displaced children who are temporarily living in Illinois. Smith and Fuller Moore hope to have \$100 to spend on each displaced child.

The girls want to take the children shopping in Champaign or Chicago for clothes, backpacks or even gifts for their parents.

"We have only been making about \$20 a day, some days \$30 or \$40," Smith said. "One day we actually raised \$137."

The children are selling the drinks for a dollar, but many people have made outstanding donations, Fuller said. So far, the children have raised about \$567.

"At the very end we are going to ask the banks or a really big company to match us so we can take even more kids shopping," Smith said.

They are planning to keep the stand running for a long time, and as it gets colder they will start selling hot chocolate, she said.

The girls have been inclusive to other neighbors, letting everyone do their part.

"We're trying to get friends to help so that when we have practices for sports, we can switch off," Smith said.

The drink stand is located on Sixth Street between Harrison and Polk avenues, across from the Sigma Pi fraternity house.

They sell drinks after school from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For questions or to make donations call (217) 345-3404 or (217) 348-5216.

FACULTY APPRECIATION DAY

First-time event 'bags' success

By ROBYN DROZD
STAFF REPORTER

Faculty members and their families slipped down slides and gazed at the stars during Eastern's first Faculty Appreciation Day on Friday.

"(It) was an overwhelming success," said Mildred Pearson, director of faculty development.

Faculty Development, in partnership with campus recreation, hosted the event to celebrate Eastern's faculty and their families.

"Thank you faculty for your commitment to excellence in teaching, your commitment to scholarly research and creative activities and your commitment to continuous service," said Pearson in her welcoming speech.

A special thanks was also given to family members for their support.

Faculty and their families gathered at the new intramural fields and pavilion to eat, play games, which included a dunk tank, moon walk, cage ball, softball and a giant slide, and to check out the observatory.

The night's success was also measured by the more-than-expected attendance.

"The turnout was fantastic!" said Ken Baker, director of campus recreation. "We started planning this with Dr. Pearson back in May and June, and we started out hoping to get 100 people, then it went to 150 and then 200; there is somewhere close to 300 here today counting all the little kids, faculty and their families."

Eastern's President Lou Hencken and Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, showed their support by being first in line to try to dunk Baker in the dunk tank.

"The dunk tank has been pretty popular," Nadler said. "There was quite a long line when it first opened up after the president and I had the honor of throwing the first balls at Ken Baker." Besides having the event take place at the intramural fields, another highlight of



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Three-year-old Benny plays bags Friday evening at the Faculty Appreciation celebration located on the IM fields.

the night was the opportunity to see the Eastern Illinois University Observatory because it is not open to the public often.

"Another reason for having the

event out here was because we have this great asset, and this was a good reason for everyone to come out and see it," Baker said about the observatory.

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27 Volcanic coating

30 Curtain holder

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32 "Every good boy does fine" and others

38 Doll's cry

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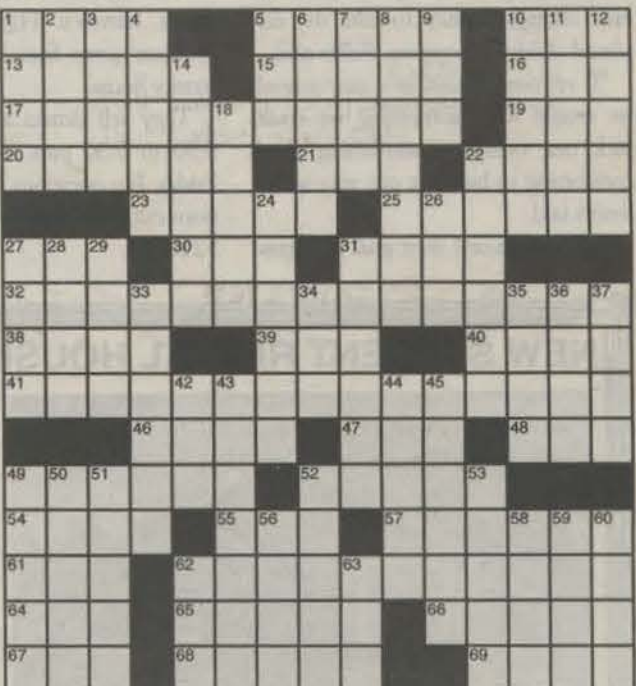
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STATE
BRIEFS

Search for Ryan jury bogs down the start of trial

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Former Gov. George Ryan's racketeering trial was supposed to be well under way by now, but instead jury selection has bogged down as the former governor's lawyers and prosecutors try to outdo each other in the courtroom equivalent of a mind-reading act.

Prosecutors hope to prevent Ryan lawyers from loading the panel with people sympathetic to the governor because of his 2003 decision to commute the sentences of all 167 death row inmates to life without parole — one of his last acts in office. And defense attorneys are trying to prevent prosecutors from packing the jury with people who already see Ryan, a Republican, as tainted by political corruption after eight years of scandal surrounding his tenure as secretary of state and then governor.

Lawyers for both sides say all they want is a fair and impartial jury.

Officials will determine soon whether to punish engineer in Metra derailment

CHICAGO — Metra officials will likely announce this week whether any disciplinary action will be taken against the engineer who was operating a commuter train that derailed Sept. 17, killing two women and injuring more than 80 others.

The company's collective bargaining agreement mandates that a decision regarding possible disciplinary action not be made until 10 days after the derailment and that waiting period ends on Tuesday, Metra spokesman Tom Miller said on Saturday.

Miller would not say what — if any — action could be taken against the engineer. The train was traveling nearly 60 miles over the speed limit when it derailed.

Man accused of attacking wife's friend with samurai-style sword in argument

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS — A suburban Chicago man was charged with attempted murder after he attacked his wife's friend with a samurai-style sword.

Stephen Shult, 39, of Arlington Heights was ordered held Friday on \$750,000 bond.

Police said Shult came home from work Thursday and got into an argument with his wife and one of her friends — a 39-year-old Glenview woman — that escalated into a physical altercation.

"He became enraged and picked up a sword, and he came after the victim," said Arlington Heights Police Lt. Michael Miljan.

Police said the victim was taken to an area hospital with severe but non-life threatening injuries.

Teen preparing for driver's test crashes car into licensing facility

BRIDGEVIEW — A secretary of state's office in this southern suburb of Chicago was closed for repairs Monday after a teenager who was preparing to take a driver's test accidentally drove a Chrysler into the building.

The 16-year-old girl was trying to park the car on Friday when she inadvertently stepped on the accelerator instead of the brake, sending the 1997 Chrysler Sebring crashing into the building, police said.

Neither the girl nor her father, who was also in the car, was injured. No citations were issued.

Road, building project workers dig up glimpses of Illinois' past

PEORIA — While carving up miles of dirt for an Interstate 74 expansion last spring, road crews unearthed two abandoned coal mine shafts near East Peoria long forgotten after they were buried a century or more ago.

A highway dig near Morton in the early 1990s uncovered what turned out to be part of a tooth from a woolly mammoth that roamed Illinois before glaciers receded about 12,000 years ago.

Workers who break ground for roads, basements and utilities say when their giant shovels churn the earth almost anything can surface — from archaeologically significant finds, vintage coins, bottles and other collectibles to the less desirable rusted-out cars and abandoned outhouses.

LIFE IN THE ROTC

Members find little free time but gain valuable experience, skills

By JESS KINSELLA
STAFF REPORTER

The alarm clock buzzes at 4:15 a.m.

It's time to go to class.

For Reserved Officers Training Corps members, it's the norm to get up at 5 a.m.

Jared Southworth, a senior sociology major and ROTC member, said getting up at 4:15 a.m. and spending more than 14 hours on campus is an everyday routine.

He does this with a wife and three children.

One negative aspect that ROTC members deal with is the program can be time consuming, and Southworth doesn't get to see his family as much, he said.

Southworth knew he was going to enlist after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and since then has gained better public speaking skills, good pay and a great education, he said.

"(ROTC) is like a big family," Southworth said. "It's like going back to a small high school where you know everyone."

ROTC is a program based on leadership, said Col. Lorenzo Smith.

The program does not just teach from the classroom, it gives practical experiences as well, Smith said.

Lindsay Leskanich, a senior pre-nursing major, said she joined ROTC because of the job security and scholarships that are offered.

ROTC offers more scholarships than any other program at Eastern, Smith said.

Eastern is given 40 scholarships from the state which means approximately 30 percent of students in ROTC will have some form of room and board or tuition being paid for by the state.

More than 150 students take ROTC classes on campus, according to its Eastern Web site.

John Schoenfeld, a senior industrial technology major, gets his housing and health insurance paid for.



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Maggie Moseley, a sophomore journalism major and MS2 Staff Sergeant for the ROTC program, serves pancakes at the VFW on 20th Street in Charleston Sunday.

Shoenfeld grew up in an army life and loved its benefits, including traveling, he said.

Shoenfeld was born in Fort Knox, Ky., and has lived in Germany, Michigan and

Hawaii.

ROTC does take up more time and requires more responsibility, but members still find the time to go out and have fun, Shoenfeld said.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Panthers tie in OVC opener

By MATT DANIELS
STAFF REPORTER

Eastern opened Ohio Valley Conference play on Friday, battling Southeast Missouri to a 0-0 tie in double overtime. Sunday's home match against non-conference foe Missouri State was canceled because of heavy rain and a soggy Lakeside Field. The match will not be rescheduled.

"We just felt (the field) was unsafe, and we're worried about players being injured," said Eastern head coach Tim Nowak in reference to the cancellation.

Senior goalkeeper Tiffany Groene recorded her third shutout of the year and 15th of her career Friday. Groene needs one more to tie the OVC record set by former SEMO goalie Beth Guccione.

With Groene netting 110 minutes in Friday's tie, she is less than 100 minutes away from breaking Panther alum Jeanine Fredrick's career mark of 4,644 minutes in the net.

"Tiffany and the back four took a lot of pride in defending the whole 110 minutes," Nowak said.

The Panthers (2-7-1, 0-0-1) outshot the Redhawks 7 to 4, with a 4-1 shot on goal advantage. Sophomore midfielder Kellie Floyd led the charge with two shots.

"We had very good scoring opportunities," Nowak said. "I felt we definitely had better opportunities. It seemed at times that we were maybe waiting for the most perfect scoring opportunity." Sophomore forward Michelle Steinhaus and senior midfielder Kim Garkie were on the field against SEMO after recovering from their respective injuries.

Garkie, injured three weeks ago in the match against DePaul, totaled 84 minutes of playing time. Steinhaus logged 62 minutes, her first action since the home opener against Western Illinois two weeks ago.

"It's nice to see the team getting healthy from all the injuries," Nowak said.

Despite the scoreless draw, Nowak said anytime the team can come away with a point, it is good.

"I just wish we could have capitalized," said Nowak about the scoring chances.



Freshman wing Samantha Manto fights past Clemson players during the Panthers' 89-0 victory Saturday at Lakeside Field. The Panthers have shut out three of the four teams they have faced.

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OVC BRIEFS

Fast start powers ECU past Tech

Eastern Kentucky (1-3, 1-0) scored touchdowns on its first three possessions and rolled to a 52-3 Homecoming victory over Tennessee Tech (1-3, 0-1) Saturday.

After Eastern Kentucky stopped Tennessee Tech at midfield on its opening possession, sophomore quarterback Josh Greco connected with senior wideout Andre Ralston for a 64-yard touchdown on ECU's fourth offensive play of the game.

Greco was named OVC Offensive Player of the Week after completing 21 of 30 for 323 yards and 4 touchdowns.

Jacksonville State 24, SEMO 10

Junior Clay Green rushed for 126 yards on 22 carries and Taurean Rhetta blocked two punts to lead Jacksonville State (1-3, 1-0 OVC) to a 24-10 Ohio Valley Conference win over Southeast Missouri State (0-4, 0-1).

JSU's Ty Griswold scored on a one-yard run with 11:08 left in the fourth quarter to cap off a 57-yard drive and put the Gamecocks up, 17-10.

Illinois State 42, Murray State 0

The Racer offense, controlled by emergency quarterback Ryne Salyer, never got on track and was held to 135 total yards in the game.

Salyer, a sophomore, was in the game because Ken Topps was still suffering the effects of two bruised shoulders he received last week against Indiana State.

Illinois State (3-1) started the scoring with 2:05 left in the first quarter with a three-yard touchdown pass from Luke Drone to Kedric Meredith.

The Redbirds added two touchdown runs from tailback Pierre Rembert.

Tennessee Martin 31, Gardner Webb 28

Tennessee-Martin sophomore tailback Don Chapman scored three third-quarter touchdowns and the Skyhawk defense shut down the nation's top scoring offense to claim a 31-28 victory over host Gardner-Webb.

GWU built a 28-10 lead at the intermission. The Skyhawks racked up 459 yards, while the defense forced six turnovers and shut out Division I-AA's top scoring offense for two quarters.

Florida A&M 12, Tennessee State 7

Tennessee State's comeback attempt in the final seconds ended in heartbreak as Florida A&M stopped the Tigers on fourth-and-goal to win the 2005 Atlanta Football Classic Saturday afternoon at the Georgia Dome.

The Tigers' attempt for victory ended when Richard Hartman's pass was intercepted by Steve St. Felix at the one-yard line with 11 seconds left.

The Tigers had a chance to tie the game when defensive back Dominique Rodgers picked up a loose ball after the PAT attempt, but was stopped on the return inside FAMU's 20 yard line.

SHUTOUT:

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Buenzow, who had 1 try and 4 assists on the day, credited the return of junior scrum-half Marlies Davidson, who missed last week's game because of a sprained ankle, for the Panthers offensive productivity.

"Our offense runs a lot more smoothly when Marlies is in the lineup," Buenzow said. "She is real quick at getting the ball out and getting our offense set-up."

Graziano added, "her presence is beyond value to the offense."

Graziano also was pleased with victory in that it gives Eastern momentum going into a three-game road trip that begins Saturday at Virginia.

"We know what we can do at home," Graziano said. "We just have to bring our intensity on the road with us and play to our level that we're capable of."

With the road game at Virginia, the Panthers will have a short practice week as they get on the bus Thursday on their way to Charlottesville, Va.

"It's going to be a challenge — but a challenge we're looking forward to," Graziano said.

STATE BRIEFS

Spartans bury Illini

Michigan State quarterback Drew Stanton set a school record with five touchdown passes and the 17th-ranked Spartans set marks with 705 yards of offense and seven touchdowns in a 61-14 blowout over Illinois.

"I apologize to all the Illini fans," Zook said. "We didn't coach very well and we didn't play very well."

Michigan State has now won nine straight against Illinois.

Penn State 34, Northwestern 29

Penn State quarterback Michael Robinson connected with freshman Derrick Williams on a 36-yard touchdown pass with 51 seconds left to lift Penn State to a wild 34-29 victory over Northwestern.

The lead changed three times in the closing minutes, and the Nittany Lions overcame four turnovers and a 16-point deficit to improve to 4-0 for the first time since 1999.

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14 Samford (1-3, 0-1)	@	43 Eastern Illinois (2-2, 1-0)
	1 2 3 4	- FINAL
Samford:	0 7 0 7	= 14
Eastern:	17 17 9 0	= 43

	SAMFORD	-	EASTERN
FIRST DOWNS	22	-	23
RUSHING YDS	23/61	-	53/211
PASSING YDS	293	-	229
PLAYS/YARDS	72/354	-	81/440
PASS ATT/COMP/INT	25/49/0	-	22/28/0
FUMBLES/LOST	1/1	-	1/0
PUNTS (NUMBER/AVG)	4/43.8	-	5/42.0
PUNT RETURNS/AVG	2/7.0	-	3/7.7
PENALTIES (NUMBER/YARDS)	5/45	-	5/56
TIME OF POSSESSION	21:51	-	38:09

PASSING
SAM: Adcock 25-49, 293 yards, 2 TD, 0 int.
EIU: Player 22-28, 229 yards, 2 TD, 0 int.

RUSHING
SAM: Ray 11 carries, 36 yards, 0 TD; Adcock 9 carries, 21 yards, 0 TD.
EIU: Webb 20 carries, 94 yards, 2 TD; Bess 8 carries, 26 yards, 0 TD.

RECEIVING
SAM: Moore 7 rec., 102 yards, 1 TD; Buchanan 4 rec., 14 yards, 0 TD; Lee 3 rec., 30 yards, 0 TD; Ray 3 rec., 21 yards, 0 TD.
EIU: Kessler 5 rec., 38 yards, 0 TD; Mobley 4 rec., 29 yards, 0 TD; Duhall 3 rec., 35 yards, 0 TD; Owens 3 rec., 29 yards, 0 TD.

TACKLES
SAM: Sherman 10 (5 solo); Hartlage 9 (6 solo); Finnegan 9 (6 solo); McCarty 9 (5 solo); Booth 8 (7 solo).
EIU: Seymour 9 (5 solo); Burge 7 (5 solo); Ponius 6 (4 solo); Cleveland 6 (4 solo); Thomas 4 (4 solo); Walters 4 (3 solo).

SACKS
SAM: Brown 1.
EIU: Lothe 1.

INTERCEPTIONS
SAM: none.
EIU: none.

SCORING
1ST: 8:12 EIU - Wilke 45-yd field goal. 3-0; 6:05 EIU - Sanders 30-yd fumble recovery (Yates kick). 10-0; 1:37 EIU - Webb 1-yd run (Yates kick). 17-0.
2ND: 14:45 SAM - Moore 40-yd rec (Fleming kick). 17-7; 9:21 EIU - Webb 6-yd run (Yates kick). 24-7; 4:47 EIU - Voss 30-yd rec (Yates kick). 31-7; 0:03 EIU - Yates 32-yd field goal. 34-7.
3RD: 1:48 EIU - Kelly safety. 36-7; :22 EIU - Parsill 25-yd rec (Yates kick). 43-7.
4TH: 13:20 SAM - Jones 17-yd rec (Fleming kick). 43-14.

FOOTBALL

Unlikely sources play big roles in Panthers' win

BY DAN WOIKE
SPORTS REPORTER

Prior to its Ohio Valley Conference opener, the Panther football team hadn't gotten a lot out of freshman wide receiver Adam Kesler, senior cornerback Terrance Sanders and freshman fullback Chip Keys.

All three found themselves buried on Eastern's depth chart. In the three preseason games, Kesler had one reception, Sanders had four tackles and Keys had a single carry.

But by halftime of Eastern's 43-14 win against Samford at O'Brien Stadium, all three had made an impact.

Sanders made his impact first, stopping a wide receiver screen for a two-yard loss. Later during the same drive, the Bulldogs again tried to run a wide receiver screen. This time, Samford sophomore quarterback Jefferson Adcock's backward pass wasn't caught, and Sanders picked up the live ball and returned the fumble 30 yards for the touchdown. After an extra point, Eastern (2-2, 1-0 OVC) led 10-0, and Samford (1-3, 0-1) would never trail by a single-digit margin again.

Eastern head coach Bob Spoo said Sanders, the team's third cornerback, stepped into the lineup because of an injury to starter, junior B.J. Brown. Sanders, who has had his own injury problems, made the most of the opportunity.

"We're fortunate to have Terrance



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Sophomore defensive tackle Tim Kelly tackles Samford running back Justin Ray in the Bulldogs' end zone during Eastern's 43-14 win Saturday at O'Brien Stadium. Eastern's defense also scored a touchdown on senior cornerback Terrance Sanders' fumble recovery and 30-yard return.

Sanders," Spoo said. "Thankfully, his knee's holding up."

Sanders said the defense as a whole has the capability to change the momentum of a game.

"Who doesn't want to make a big play? Everyone wants to make big plays," he said. "Everyone on our defense doesn't care who gets the credit. We just get it done."

The Panthers were able to make big plays on offense, too.

Kesler led the Panthers with five catches for 38 yards. Four of those catches and 34 of those yards came in the first half, when Eastern jumped

out to a 34-7 lead.

"Adam Kesler is just a guy we recognized as being able to make big plays," Spoo said. "He's a dynamic guy. He's a good guy to get the ball to."

In addition to being sophomore quarterback Mike Donato's favorite target Saturday, Kesler also made an impact on special teams, returning three punts for 23 yards and one kickoff for 57 yards.

Kesler said he's been a returner since high school and was excited special teams coordinator Jeff Choate decided to let him return kicks and punts for the Panthers.

"It's just something I always liked, and I'm just glad Coach Choate is as into it as I am," Kesler said. "I think you do have to be a little crazy to want to field every ball and not care if you get lit up."

"I'm just comfortable back there." Spoo said he knew all week that he wanted to get the ball into Kesler's hands.

"We did some things this week to deliberately get him the football, and it worked out well," Spoo said.

Spoo also had plans during the week to utilize Keys in short-yardage situations. Against Illinois State, the Panther offense stalled on third down, converting a first down on just 2-of-17 tries.

But in the first half against Samford, Keys carried the ball four times — each time on third-and-short. All four times, Keys picked up the first down.

"He's a load. He's an athletic guy, and I wanted to have him in there," Spoo said. "He moves the pile, and that's what we needed."

And the sustained drives helped keep Donato comfortable, as he rebounded from a poor performance against Illinois State by completing 22-of-28 passes for 229 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions. He also connected with 11 different receivers.

"That's just different guys getting open, different guys making plays," Donato said.

And the plays led to the most dominant Eastern performance of the year.

RENICK:

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Freshman wide receiver Adam Kesler came out of nowhere as an additional spark on Eastern returns. Kesler had a 57-yard kick return and jumped up after every one of his returns, clapping his hands and pumping up the Panthers.

With the way the Panther offense and defense were playing yesterday, the special teams flew under the radar.

But at one point this season there will come a time, there will come a game when Eastern's special teams will win a game, and that's the sign of a team that's a contender.

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OFFENSE:

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The turnover occurred when Samford quarterback Jefferson Adcock faked an option pass and threw behind him to receiver Ossie Buchannon. The senior never held possession, and the live ball was recovered and returned 30 yards by Panther cornerback Terrance Sanders.

"We just lost our composure right then, and this young team was not mature enough to overcome those mistakes," Gray said.

The Panthers got their first score on the opening drive that totaled 42 yards on 11 plays, taking nearly 5 minutes off the clock. The possession ended when freshman kicker Tyler Wilke split the uprights from 45 yards out on his first

career collegiate field goal attempt. Donato spread the field through the air completing 7 of his first 9 attempts and hitting four different receivers.

"We saw that we could move the ball on the first drive, and we never looked back," Donato said.

The passing attack, which had ranked 86th in I-AA football, had season highs in completions, yardage and touchdowns in a single game.

"Their offense looked pretty good to us today," Gray said. "We knew that had been struggling, but they didn't show any signs of that against us."

The main reason Eastern (2-2, 1-0) was able to move the ball consistently was its ability to convert on third downs at a much higher rate than in its previous three games.

Going into Saturday, the Panthers

were 7 of 43 on the year in third down conversions, but Eastern managed to turn that statistic into their favor against the Bulldogs moving the chains 65 percent of the time.

"It's huge," Spoo said. "Compare that with the 2 out of 17 last week. It was the difference."

Eastern broke the game wide open on sophomore Ryan Voss' first big play of the 2005 season. With the Panthers up 24-7 late in the second quarter, Donato pumped, looked for Voss deep and hit him for a 30-yard touchdown reception making it a 31-7 lead.

The Panthers eventually got another field goal, this time from Tyler Yates to make it 34-7 at the half. Eastern used a direct snap on a fake punt to advance the ball into position for Yates.

"There's an example of how we just

got out-coached," Gray said. "We were looking for the fake punt and couldn't do anything about it."

Adcock, the OVC's leading passer, was frustrated all afternoon, only connecting on 25 of 49 passes for 293 yards most of which came in the second half.

The main problem for the Bulldogs on offense was their inability to establish a running game as Samford (1-3, 0-1) ended the game with only 61 yards rushing on 23 carries.

"I'll take the heat on not being prepared offensively," Gray said. "They played well on defense, but running the ball is something that we just can't do well right now."

Eastern has a bye week before traveling to face Southeast Missouri. Samford has a short week as they take on SEMO at home on Thursday night.

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TWO-POINT CONVERSION

DAN RENICK
SPORTS EDITOR

Truly 'special' teams

In Eastern's 43-14 trouncing of Samford on Saturday, there were a number of things to be happy about compared to the loss a week before.

Eastern controlled the ball with the offense on the field nearly twice as much as Samford. The defensive line stepped up putting consistent pressure on the quarterback and shutting down the Bulldogs' running game, allowing just 61 yards.

On the flip side, the Eastern rushing game had its first big game of the season, amassing 211 yards on the ground.

However, the most impressive performance I saw came from the Panthers' special teams, especially when you consider where they were a year ago.

"We've made considerable progress for one particular reason, and that's our special teams coordinator Jeff Choate," Eastern head coach Bob Spoo said. "When you hire a guy like that, that is that dynamic, he makes the kids that dynamic."

Last season the punt team had a number of problems getting kicks off, but this season it could possibly be one of the strongest special team units. Eastern's special team coordinator Jeff Choate is doing a great job adapting the Panthers to the roll-out rugby style punt that senior Tom Schofield has used to drop 11 punts inside the 20 this season.

On Saturday, Schofield put a punt down right inside the five into the waiting hands of junior receiver Ryan Voss. It pretty much looked like a long ball perfectly placed for Voss to run under.

On the next play, sophomore defensive tackle Tim Kelly broke into the backfield and stuffed up the run for a safety.

On the other side of the kicking game, freshmen Tyler Wilke and Zach Yates are having no trouble filling in for the injured Steve Kuehn. Wilke nailed a 45-yard kick to open the scoring for Eastern, and the boot looked like it would have been good from five yards back.

Eastern's kick returners racked up big yards for the Panthers, setting them up with good field position all day.

EASTERN 43, SAMFORD 14



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Junior running back Vincent Webb heads upfield against senior free safety Cortland Finnegan during the Panthers' 43-14 win Saturday at O'Brien Stadium. Webb ran the ball 20 times for 99 yards, both game-highs. He scored touchdowns on a one-yard run and on a six-yard run in the Ohio Valley Conference opener.

Panthers run away with OVC win

Offense gains 440 yards, defense stingy

BY MATTHEW STEVENS
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern started its Ohio Valley Conference season exactly how it ended in 2004 — beating Samford.

The Panthers made it two in a row against the Bulldogs Saturday, as Eastern used its best offensive and

defensive performance in its 43-14 conference-opening win.

"The coaches and the players responded to the challenge to compete again," Eastern head coach Bob Spoo said. "I think our guys played emotionally."

The Panthers ended the 2004 campaign with a 28-14 victory against the Bulldogs on the road.

Eastern's offense, which was ranked last in the OVC in practically every category, was able to move the football right off the bat and get out to an early 17-0 lead.

"We just got taken to the woodshed today by a better football team," Samford head coach Bill Gray said.

Panthers quarterback Mike Donato ended the game 22-of-28 for 229 yards, two touchdowns and no turnovers.

"We just came out and executed our game plan," Donato said. "Then we put up 43 points on the board."

Eastern gained 440 yards offense using a balanced attack with 229 passing and 211 rushing as well.

Junior tailback Vincent Webb led

the ground game as the St. Louis native ended with 94 yards on 20 carries and two touchdowns.

"We ran the ball efficiently, passed it and kicked it well," Spoo said. "We played a pretty complete game."

Samford, who came to Charleston with the OVC's top-ranked offense, looked confused on its first three possessions going three-and-out twice and committing a costly turnover.

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RUGBY

Eastern coasts; shuts out Tigers 89-0

BY MARC CORRENTI
STAFF REPORTER

Before Saturday's women's rugby game against Clemson, Eastern head coach Frank Graziano wanted to see better tackling, more precise route running and momentum built going into a three-game road trip.

Consider it done.

In what may have been the Panthers' most complete game of the season, Eastern pounded the Tigers' defense and offense in its 89-0 victory, pushing its record to

"We made great tackles and were able to wear (Clemson) down at the end of the game. They were dead at the end of the game."

FRANK GRAZIANO, RUGBY HEAD COACH

4-0 on the season.

"We executed on all levels," Graziano said. "We made great tackles and were able to wear (Clemson) down at the end of the game. They were dead at the end of the game."

In the Panthers' uncharacteristi-

cally slow start against Central Michigan last weekend, Eastern came out clicking on all cylinders. Eastern opened the scoring three minutes into the game as sophomore hooker Jaki Brophy powered in a try from a yard out to make it 5-0.

The Panthers tacked on another try four minutes later as senior prop/lock Desi Pence scored her first try of the season to make it 12-0.

Eastern continued its offensive flow the rest of the first half, racking up a 46-0 lead at halftime.

"We felt a lot better than last week," senior flyhalf Jamie Buenzow said. "We noticed that we were more physical and quicker than them and just used our strengths to our advantage."

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